(b) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that through a few accidents have taken place, the total number of accidents on the stretch has come down after the construction of BRT due to segregation of traffic.

(c) to (e) BRT projects sanctioned under JNNURM provides for segregated lane for the buses carrying the maximum number of passengers besides facilities for pedestrian and non-motorized transport and slow moving vehicles etc.

Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that there is no rethinking on the project; the Government has approved preparation of detailed engineering design on two corridors namely, Karawal Nagar to Khel Gaon and Mool Chand to Jahangir Puri. As regards the Ambedkar Nagar to Mool Chand stretch of the Corridor, it was made operational in April 2008. A socio economic study on the corridor was carried out by DIMTS to assess impact of BRT corridor. The pedestrians, cyclists and bus users have praised the corridor and strongly advocated its replication to encourage use of Non Motorized Vehicles (NMV) and public transport. Significant reduction in travel time for buses has been observed, accidents have also come down on the corridor due to segregation. Some shortcomings have been identified and corrective measures like construction of Foot Over Bridges, Mix Traffic Module, construction of Link road, Intelligent Transport System are being taken by them.

DDA housing scam

1151. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the investigations into the DDA housing scam of 2008;

(b) the number of present and retired DDA officials, bank officials, chartered accountants, property agents and others found to have been involved in the scam, category-wise;

(c) the number of allotments proposed to be cancelled on account of the findings of the inquiry, category-wise *i.e.* those belonging to the SC, ST, OBC, and unreserved classes, with the number of houses of H.I.G., M.I.G., L.I.G., etc.; and

(d) the manner in which the now available housing units are proposed to be allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) A High Level Internal Committee constituted by Vice-Chairman, DDA to look into the whole process of allotment of flats and alleged irregularities pertaining to DDA Housing Scheme, has submitted its Report on 20.2.2009. The Committee has concluded that the whole process of scrutiny of application, randomization as well as result of the draw do not suffer from any aberration. The Economic Offences Wing, Crime Branch, Delhi Police have registered a case FIR No. 02/09 dated 9.1.2009 under Sections 419/420/467/468/471/201/120-B/34 IPC

regarding the DDA Housing Scheme, 2008. Delhi Police have arrested at least five persons in this regard. The hardware and software involved in the draw has been seized and sent to Government Examiner of Questioned Documents (GEQD), Hyderabad for forensic examination.

(b) Investigation report is awaited.

(c) and (d) The Demand-cum-Allotment letters have not been issued. Report of GEQD from Economic Offences Wing is awaited. Appropriate decision on issuing Demand-cum-Allotment letters will be taken upon receipt of the report.

Metro rail at Kochi

1152. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for the construction of Metro rail at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of the salient features of the proposed project;

(c) whether necessary clearances have been given to the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the project with details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of Metro Rail Project in Kochi in July, 2005, a fully elevated corridor of 25.3 kms. from Alwaye to Petta. The estimated completion cost is Rs. 2991.5 crore (excluding State taxes)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The proposal was referred to the Planning Commission who after detailed examination have advised that in the absence of specific funding and low population of Kochi, it is not in a position to support the project from Government of India funds presently.

Property transfer

1153. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether L&DO of Delhi has stopped property transfers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether free holding of property is a must for property transactions; and

(d) if so, the alternative methods adopted for those whose properties are not free hold?